

Any fees paid belong to Plaintiff and can be offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt that Plaintiff owes the United States, pursuant to the decision in *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 130 S.Ct. 2521 (2010). After the Court enters this award, if counsel for the parties can verify that Plaintiff owes no pre-existing debt subject to offset, the Defendant agrees to direct that the award

be made payable to Plaintiff's attorney pursuant to an EAJA assignment duly signed by Plaintiff.

Date: 12/17/19

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